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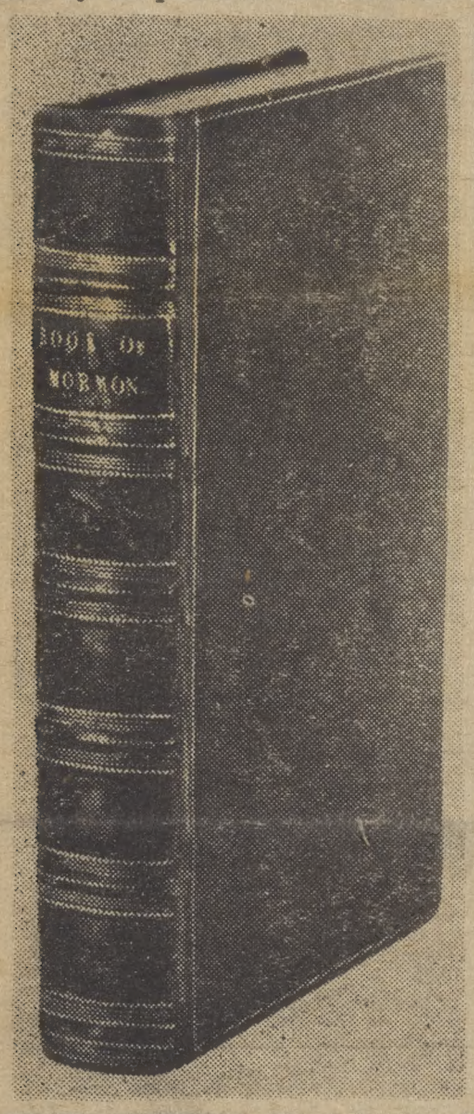
Rare Book

Book of Mormon First Edition Found In Collection of Russian Princess

What spiritual value does a first edition of the Book of Mormon have in the life of a modern Latter-day Saint couple? Carlin Kimball and Richard A. Basset of Mountain View Ward, Palo Alto Stake now have an opportunity and testimony to answer this question.

The couple recently became the owners of an original, or first edition of the Book of Mormon. This edition of 5,000 copies was printed under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith at Palmyra, New York in 1830 by the publisher E.B. Grandin.



FIRST EDITION—This Book of Mormon belonged to a Russian princess.

One day a few weeks ago Brother Bassett visited a shop where rare books and manuscripts are sold. He inquired about "Mormon" books and was shown a shelf of books that were mostly anti-Mormon. After looking through the books for awhile, he asked, "Do you happen to have something published by the Church in early times, say for instance, a first edition of the Book of Mormon?"

"Yes, I do have a first edition," came the startling reply of the shopkeeper. "It is in my 'warehouse,' and if you are interested it will cost you "X" dollars. I can have it for you to inspect tomorrow at this time."

The book was all that had been expected. The book dealer was disposing of the estate of the late Russian Princess Virginia Hobart Baldwin Tchkotoua, who had collected rare first editions. The book was originally purchased in 1832 at Rochester, N.Y., and William Harrison and Samuel Barlow were its owners along the way.

The book contains a Preface by the Prophet Joseph Smith which explains the loss of the 116 manuscript pages translated from the Book of Lehi, and carries a notation indicating a copyright had been obtained for the book before it went forth to the world. The testimony of the witnesses is faithfully printed on the final pages of the book. In this edition, the Book of Mormon reads without the benefit of chapter or verse, and there are no cross-references.

Here then, is a first edition testimony which goes forth with all of the editions of the Book of Mormon down to the latest off the press in proclaiming the truthfulness of the Restored Gospel. The BOOK OF MORMON was brought forth "To show unto the remnant of the House of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever—And also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting Himself unto all nations . . ."

Livermore Ward

New Chapel Soon If Fund Grows At Present Rate

By Willy Sorenson

Bishop Behling announced in priesthood meeting that if the present rate of building fund payments were kept up, construction of the new Livermore Ward Chapel could begin in the spring.

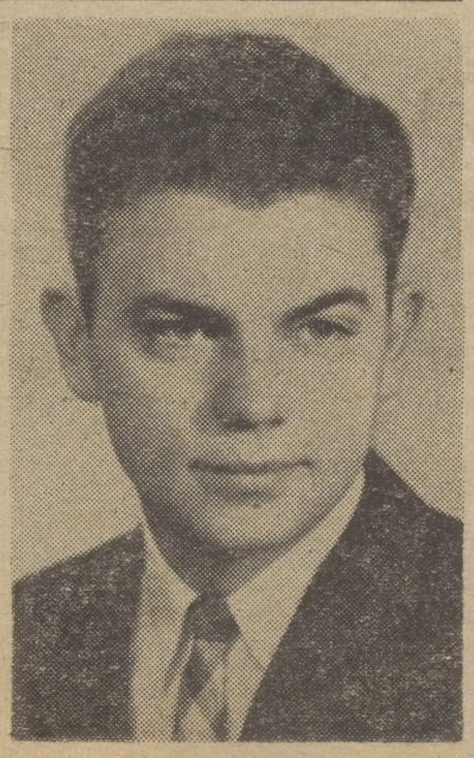
Edwin Gerald Caulk was ordained a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. The following children were baptized and confirmed members of the Church during the month: Janet Louise Thompson, Christopher Wayne Nielsen and Richard Wayne Behling. Livermore Ward now has a total of 514 members.

A potluck dinner was held Dec. 8, for the Primary officers and teachers and spouses at the home of Bishop Behling. Beverley Behling decorated the home in a Christmas theme.

George and Norma Franks greeted the guests, Francis Tenge planned the menu and Norma Franks was in charge of the program.

Among those participating on the program were Charlene Smith, Faye Cahoon, Georgine Steenblik, Dora Lee Thompson, Joan Wallentine, Beverley Behling and Caroline Hayes.

A ward Christmas party was held Dec. 20, at Junction Ave. School, Santa Claus was there to delight the children.



Elder Russell Muir

Castro Valley 2nd Ward

W. Cleon Skousen Speaks in Area

By MARY MARSH

Castro Valley Second Ward is presenting Elder W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City in a lecture on a subject of vital concern to every Latter-day Saint, "The Threat of Communism."

Scheduled for Thursday, January 19, at 8 p.m., the event will benefit the ward building fund. Tickets are available at suggested donation of one dollar and may be reserved by calling JE. 7-7200. Seating capacity is limited.

Mr. Skousen has written several best sellers and is a noted lecturer—averaging several hundred speeches per year.

Claremont Ward

December Dedicated To Observing Proper Christmas Spirit in Ward

By BETTY MOSS

Claremont Ward dedicated the month of December to the observance of the Christmas spirit. The Relief Society made many visits and carried Christmas baskets of cheer to the shut-ins of the ward, and all organizations did their part in the furthering of the spirit of the season.

The Sunday School presented a program on the morning of Christmas. Ray Rackley gave an inspirational Christmas reading, Lenore Wood spoke on "The Meaning of Christmas in the Home," the Junior Sunday School sang Christmas songs, and William Knecht presented some selected thoughts on Christmas. The congregation all joined in singing carols to close the meeting.

The Primary presented their usual entertaining program after the ward dinner on Dec. 16. Cheryl Smith wrote the continuity as well as the short play which was acted by Mari, Kim, and Jeff Kassow. Sandra Allen narrated the program and Rhean Griffin trained and led the singers from all the individual Primary classes. Costumes for the program were made by the mothers of the children. Of course, the evening was climaxed by a visit from Santa himself. Special thanks go to Al Kassow for his invaluable help.

MIA PROGRAM

On the Tuesday before Christmas the MIA presented a program of a spiritual nature which was followed by a party celebrating the lighter side of Christmas. The first half of the program was given in music and verse. Carol Webster, Kathleen Leighton, and Marjorie Banks read Christmas poems and stories. Dorothy Bench and Marlene Springthorpe sang a duet, "The Carol of the Little King," and Carolyn Anderson read "The Littlest Angel." A dance followed, after which Santa distributed white elephant gifts which everyone had brought. His identity kept everyone guessing until someone spotted Bill Knecht by his walk. Pumpkin and mince pie were served afterward. Dorothy Bench, Deanna Powell, and Carolyn Anderson managed the party.

During the holidays the MIA also sponsored an ice skating party for the young people.

Over the vacation the scouts took a three-day snow trip to Camp Bray in the Sierras where the time was spent in hard work on advancement and merit badges. The boys who went on the trip were Chuck Christensen, Bobby Morgan, Robert Kassow, Vernon Muhr, Paul Berry, Dave Wilkins, Wyatt Ribarich, Patrick Robertson, and Lynn Blackburn. Marvin Moss, Al Kassow, and John Wilkins accompanied the boys.

A new baby was born this month to Joan and Earl Evans—their first child, a little boy. A boy was also born to Carol and Richard Bain. It is also their first child.

Mission Ward

Grandma Hamilton's 94th Birthday In S.F., Far from Virginia Birthplace

By Vera Gibby

Many friends and relatives visited Mission Ward's oldest member, Josephine Whitt Hamilton (known as Grandma Hamilton), Dec. 3, to help her celebrate her ninety-fourth birthday. She was born in Jeffersonville, Virginia and in 1870 she came to Utah. In 1872 she was baptized and did her own endowments in 1880. She married Robert Hamilton in 1887 with whom she had seven children, two dying in infancy and one son living at the present time.

Early in her married life she lived near St. George, Utah and worked in the St. George Temple keeping the altars and their white lace covers clean. She has also lived in Idaho, in El Cajon, Placerville, and during the past eighteen years in San Francisco, at 3131 20th St., Apt. 101.

The past two years she has been bedfast and she still loves people to come and visit her. She recites many verses of poetry and scriptures and has a deep testimony of the gospel which she loves to share with others.

TEMPLE TRIP

Thirty-three people, four from Balboa 1st, five from Balboa 2nd and twenty-four from Mission Ward met Nov. 23, to go by bus to Los Angeles. Andrew and Elnor Roseberry went by car and after going through the Los Angeles Temple proceeded on to Mesa, Arizona to visit relatives and go through the temple there.

It was a happy occasion for Frank and Jean Manning and John and Sharon Salas as they were married for eternity. President Dale Ensign and Bishop Vinal R.

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Rodeo Ward

Christmas Day Services Held In New Building

By EMILY LIDTKA

Although the new Rodeo ward Chapel is not ready for occupancy, the first service held there was on Christmas Day. Temporary seats were set up, singing was without accompaniment.

New efforts to raise money for the building are in full swing. If you can use oranges, prunes, almonds, candies, jewelry or corsages, the auxiliary heads say that they have a good supply.

A novel idea in gift exchanging was used at the Relief Society Christmas party. Each member baked her favorite recipe for cookies and gift wrapped them, including the recipe and drew numbers for the boxes. Each sister went home with a delicious box of cookies and a new recipe.

AWARDS GIVEN

Awards again were the order of the month with the Genealogical Awards going to Marilyn Criddle,

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Walnut Creek Ward

Elder Russell Muir Leads Mission Work

The president of the Finnish Mission recently wrote to the parents of Elder Russell Muir, of Walnut Creek Ward, praising his diligence and leadership. Elder Muir is leading the mission both in hours, work and in baptisms, according to President John D. Warner. He said, "He is an inspiration to many others around him and to all of us in the mission."

The Finnish Mission now has 140 missionaries, as compared to a group of about 100 when Elder Muir began his work there.

Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Muir of Walnut Creek Ward.

Sister Loretta Johnson

Richmond Ward

Loretta Johnson To Gr. Britain

By ELMER L. EMMONS

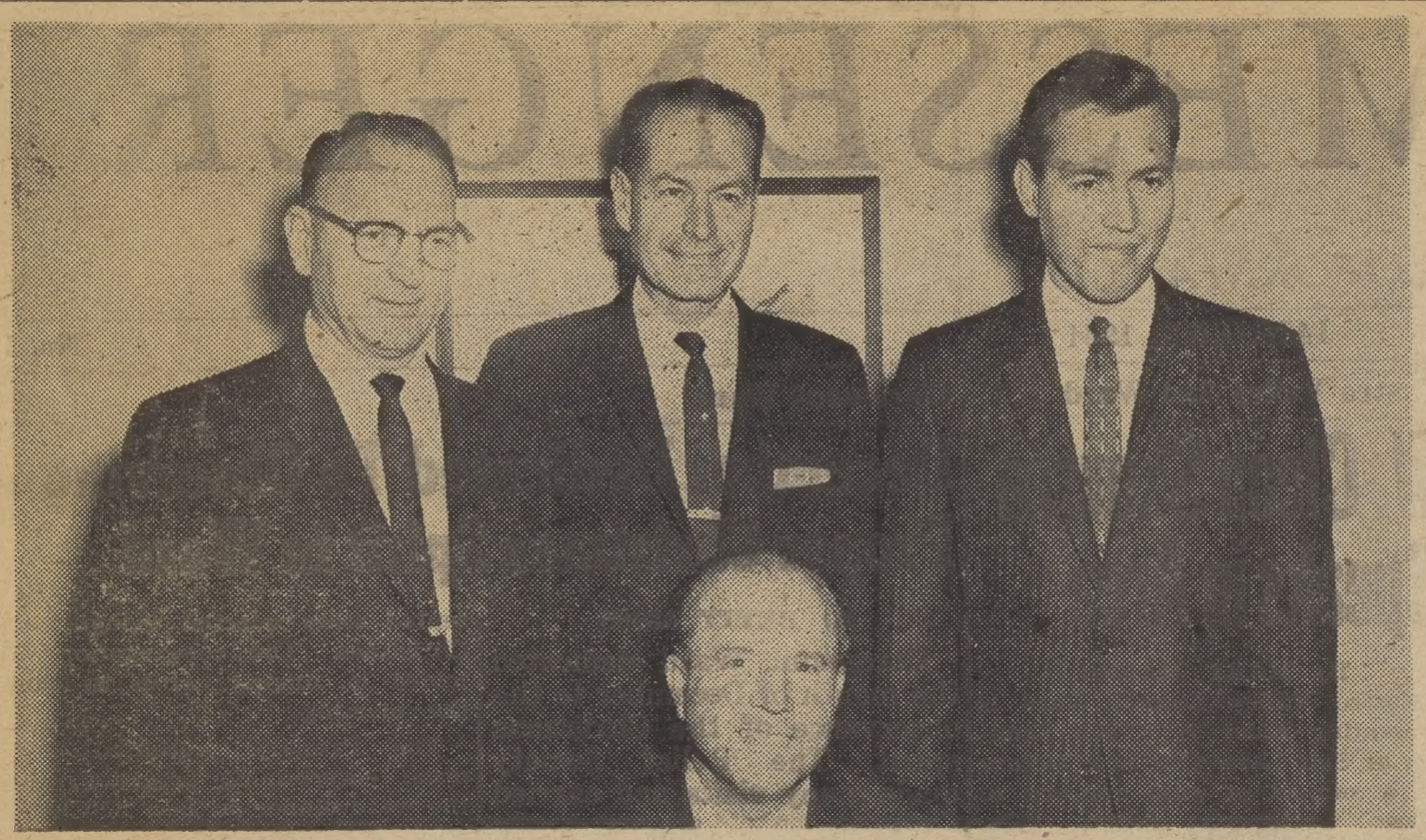
Sister Loretta Johnson had her farewell testimonial Dec. 18, at the Richmond Ward Chapel.

Sister Johnson has been called to the British Mission. She will enter the Mission Home in Salt Lake City on Jan. 2.

Sister Johnson has been on a Stake Mission and attended BYU where she majored in Elementary Education, and was active in the Opera Workshop.

Loretta is the daughter of Sister Lillian Johnson of Richmond. She has a brother, Larry, in Los Angeles.

Sister Johnson has been active in Church activities where she earned her Silver Gleaner, Mia Maid and Mia Joy honors. She has been a Sunday School teacher, MIA chorister, teacher, drama director and sports director.



OAKLAND WARD BISHOPRIC—The new bishopric of the Oakland Ward is nearly the same as the former group. The new bishop, E. Curtis McMullin, chose the same counselors as his predecessor. Bishop McMullin is seated in front. Standing, from left, are Oren Jorgenson, ward clerk, Edward E. Collins, 1st counselor, and S. Richard Wickel, 2nd counselor.

Oakland Ward

Curtis McMullin Oakland Bishop; John Duke to So. Far East Mission

By Carol Higham

Elder E. Curtis McMullin recently replaced Bishop John Hughes as head of the Oakland Ward. Bishop McMullin formerly served as a counselor in the ward Sunday School Superintendency.

The new bishop chose to retain the counselors and clerks that served under the former bishop: Edward E. Collins, 1st counselor, S. Richard Wickel, 2nd counselor and Oren Jorgenson, ward clerk.

Former Bishop Hughes is now serving on a stake mission with his wife.

ELDER JOHN DUKE

Oakland Ward's seventh missionary is Elder John Duke, who left last month for the Southern Far East Mission.

Elder Duke is the son, of Mr. and Mrs. John Duke of Oakland Ward. The Dukes moved into the ward less than four months before John was called on his mission. Elder Duke attended Brigham Young University. His address is: 148-1 Hain Sheng South Road, Section One, Taipai, Taiwang (Formosa).

ORGAN CONCERT

The 5th Quorum of Elders is sponsoring an organ concert to be held in the Inter-Stake Center Jan. 27, featuring Robert Kates and Robert Douglas at the console.

Mr. Kates designed the Inter-Stake Center organ. He will play during the first half of the program. He is of the Oakland organ building firm, Swain and Kates.

Robert Douglas will take over for the second half of the program. He went to Germany to inspect the construction of the organ and to test it out. He played a special medley of LDS Hymns for President David O. McKay at the Inter-Stake Center dedication.

Donations of one dollar per person will be accepted at the door, to be used for the missionary fund of the 5th Quorum of Elders.

OTHER FIELDS

The six other missionaries from the ward are scattered over the globe: In the Spanish-American Mission is Elder Irvin McClay, 811 East Bluff, Fort Worth, Texas. Elder Parker Fuhriman is in the French-Polynesian Mission, Eglise De Jesus Christ, S. D. J. Boite Pastal 93, Papeette, Tahiti. The French Mission claims Elder Roger Collins, 3 Rue de Lota, Paris 16, France.

In the Central American Mission Elder James Norton lives at: Apartoda, 587 Quezaltenango, Guatemala. In the nearby Southern California Mission Elder Clifford Cunningham is not in California at all, but at 3530 West Marlette, Phoenix, Arizona. The sixth, Elder John Doxey, is in the Central Atlantic Mission, learning to understand the southern drawl at 1200 West 48th St., Richmond, Virginia.

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Alameda Ward

Alameda Senior Aaronic School Holds Dinner, Presents Certificates

By LUE SEAVERS and DONNA RICE

Melvin Call, general secretary of the senior Aaronic priesthood and his committee sponsored a dinner and entertainment honoring the senior Aaronic priesthood members and their wives, who had completed the twelve week course arranged for them. Eleven members received a "Certificate of Honor" presented by Denzel Allen, stake chairman.

Walter Napoleon was the chef who prepared the chicken dinner. The serving was done by the Relief Society Presidency. Nathan and LaRee Tolman were special guests. Nathan started the class while living in Alameda. There were fifty eight present. Everyone enjoyed it.

FAREWELL TESTIMONIAL

A farewell testimonial for Elder Thys Winkel and his wife Reba who have been called to fulfil a three-year European Mission will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m.

A missionary shower was given Ove Andreason Dec. 14 at McRaes house. His farewell testimonial was held Dec. 18, prior to his departure to the Danish mission. Ove is originally from Denmark.

Susan O'Brien and Bill Kitterman were married in the Alameda Ward Chapel Dec. 10. The newlyweds are now living in Washington where Bill is stationed in the service.

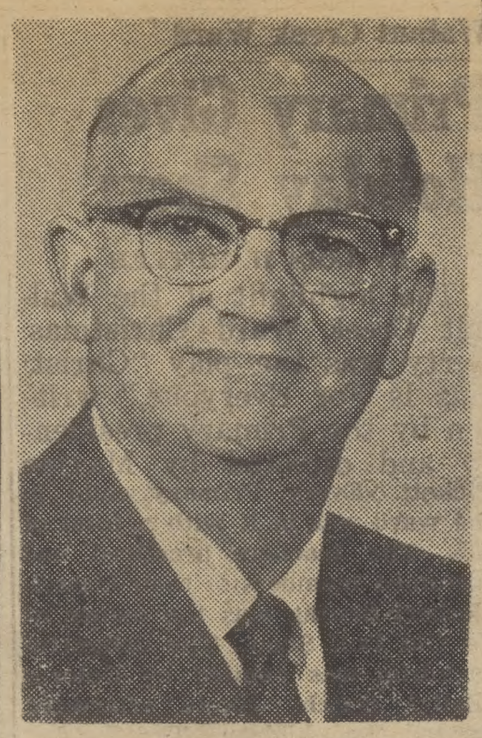
The Young Married class held a Christmas party Dec. 17 at the Zundels.

Jerry and Loanne Kirk and children enjoyed Christmas in Salt Lake City with their family.

GEORGE PINCKNEY

George H. Pinckney and wife Violet motored south to spend Thanksgiving with their sons and families and to see a new grandson born to their son George Jr. and his wife who also have a 27-month old daughter Sheri Lynn.

Earl and Claudia Jeppersen are new parents of their second child a girl, named Kae Dawn. She weighed 8 lbs., and was born Nov. 18,



Elder Thys Winkel

Mrs. Reba Winkel

Bill has already participated actively in many phases of Church activity.

Wesley and Florence Turner are flying to New York City for a surprise family reunion with Wesley's 80-year-old mother. All eight living children and their husbands and wives will attend the Dec.27 gathering.

A baby boy as famous in Berkeley 2nd Ward as the Kennedy baby is nationally, arrived Dec. 12 at the home of Ralph and Helen Jenson. There to greet him were brother David and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Jenson. Helen's mother, Mrs. Franklin S. Harris, arrived soon after.

Confirmed at testimony meeting in December was Richard Philip Shervington following his baptism the previous evening.

Burlingame Ward

Susan J. Edwards To Marry in Feb.

Susan Joan Edwards will marry Thomas H. Willoughby Feb. 18, in the Burlingame Ward Chapel. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus C. Edwards of Hillsborough.

The bride-elect studied at Burlingame High School and Radcliffe College. She has a brother, John, and three sisters,, Mary Elizabeth, Martha Ann and Barbar.

The future benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil H. Willoughby of Sacramento, is the legislative assistant to Assemblyman Byron Rumford, chairman of the Assembly Public Health Committee. This is part of his work leading to his Ph.D. in Political Science from Claremont Graduate School. He has a brother, Dan Willoughby.

Berkeley 2nd Ward

Elder Corbett Continues Proselyting Tnat His Father Began 15 Years Ago

Upon a recent visit to mission headquarters in Berlin, Elder Edward Corbett, of Berkeley 2nd Ward, who is now a traveling Supervising Elder, was given a name to contact. Upon visiting the family, he was about to be turned away from the door when he mentioned that his name was Corbett. "Do you know Major Don Corbett?" asked the lady. "Certainly, he's my father," replied Edward. At this point he and his companion were invited in to a nicely furnished apartment which she shared with her mother.

The lady had served as a maid in the quarters occupied by Major Corbett during his stay in Berlin. Don had attempted to preach the gospel to her for a year but apparently without effect. But now it appears that his exemplary life had as much or more effect than his teachings and from the receptive attitude of these two ladies the possibility exists that son Edward may be able to finish the conversion started by father Don about fifteen years ago as an officer in the occupational forces.

NEW MEMBER

William Wallace was baptized into the Church recently after a very thorough study of the gospel assisted by the stake missionaries.

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Danville Ward

Class Honors Bishop on Program, Prepares Christmas Food For Needy

By Elizabeth O'Nion

The Laurel class of the Danville Ward MIA, led by Jane Friden, presented a program honoring the bishop. The members, Maurine Lynch, Jackie Larson, Marlene Ratcliffe and Carlotta Ortega, presented a box of groceries to the bishopric to be given to a needy family. Ray Pearson of the bishopric accepted the gift for the bishop, who was out of town. The MIA presidency and the bishop's wife were in attendance at the program, after which refreshments were served.

The Primary children presented a Christmas pageant entitled "Bedtime Stories," written by Vera Larsen, at the ward Christmas party. Santa Claus paid a surprise visit with a bag full of presents for the children. Primary President Winifred Spuhler directed the program.

New members of the ward include Brother Homer Craig, husband of Annetta Craig. He was baptized and confirmed by the missionaries.

RETURN HOME

Stuart and Claudia Clark returned home from the BYU for the holiday vacation. Claudia is a senior, studying medical technology. Stuart, a priest, is a freshman at the "Y."

A Christmas luncheon was given at the home of Grace Clark by the Relief Society presidency for the ward Relief Society officers and teachers. Christmas stocking slippers were given as favors.

The Aaronic Priesthood boys, their advisors, and the Bishopric attended a professional football game Dec. 17, at Candlestick Park. Sixteen boys went and all reported that it was a good game.

The explorers have been practicing under the leadership of Stanley Friden so that they can enter the Stake basketball competition.

The mutual Christmas party was spent caroling to local ward members' homes followed by dancing, refreshments and small gifts presented by Santa.

Clyde and Gail Frederickson have a new son, making 26 grandchildren for Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Craig.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Primary Gives Holiday Show

By LOIS H. BUTLER

The highlight of the Walnut Creek Ward Christmas Party was the play "Christmas Is For Everyone," written by the Primary presidency and directed by Maxine Pickett. Every Primary child in the ward was in it with a total of 135. The teachers practiced and costumed members of their classes. Herbert Sontag was the owner of Ye Old Doll Shop. The delightful backdrop was painted by Dolores (Sally) Hatch. Santa afterward treated the children. The Sunday School and Mutual furnished Christmas numbers before the play. Dancing followed.

The Primary officers and teachers had a progressive Christmas dinner with 44 people attending. The hostesses were Le Landgren, JoAnne Sontag and Ruth Brown. They sang carols and heard a recording of "Christmas in America," a story told by Maxine Pickett to organ music played by Joan Groesbeck.

The Relief Society had a Tasting Party at which women brought cookies and cakes with the recipes for them. Twelve kinds were enjoyed with cranberry punch. Fern Hahn, Fern Pike and Maxine Pickett brought Christmas ideas to the group. Joyce Anderson taught the home nursing lesson.

The Ward Bazaar was a success with over 300 people being served dinner. There were hand-made articles; bakery goods; a white elephant table; services at a reasonable price, for purchase. The children enjoyed the fish pond.

DUP OFFICERS

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers elected officers for the next two years. Verla Hodge is captain, Ruby Adams, vice captain; Blanche Cherrington, secretary; Anna Lea Spencer, historian; Elaine Pratt, parliamentarian; Ellen Haddock, chaplain; Elaine Jensen, chorister and Lois Butler, organist.

This is the fifth year for the camp made up of 24 members from Lafayette, Orinda, Danville and Walnut Creek. The Daughters have a monthly lesson on pioneer life and welcome all who are eligible to belong. They held a Christmas buffet supper Dec. 29 for their husbands at the home of Ardith Steager.

The Elders Quorum under the presidency of Russell Groesbeck, Jim Osborne and Floyd Pickett had a Christmas party at the spacious new home of Darrell Williams. Bob Anderson was general chairman with Vaughn Lauritzen in charge of games, program and caroling.

The Banner

Students Return Have Yule Fun

By Joan Turner

Students returning from Brigham Young University to the Bay Area found a holiday full of fun and enjoyment with dances and parties and many other similar activities. Most reported that they were happy to be home but many were equally as anxious to return to school at the end of the vacation.

Loretta Johnson, Laurel leader of the Richmond Ward, left for the British Mision Dec. 30. She has taught the Laurel class since September. In her farewell, she gave special tribute to her own Laurel teacher, who, she said, helped her to gain her testimony of the gospel.

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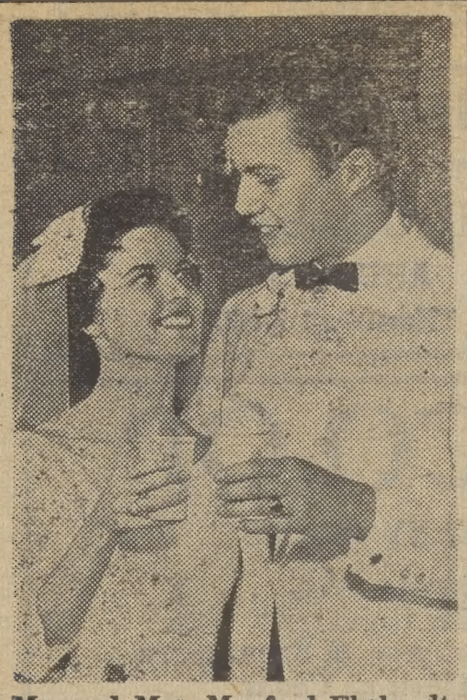

Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Ehrhardt
Castro Valley Ward

Janice Fontana Now Mrs. Ehrhardt

A romance that started at a Church dance, culminated in marriage Nov. 26, when Janice Elaine Fontana became the bride of Manfred Ehrhardt.

Brother Ehrhardt was born in Berlin, Germany, the son of Waldemar and Charlotte Ehrhardt, who are still residing in Europe. Manfred was baptized and became a member of the church on Aug. 15, 1958, in Germany. He had always had a desire to come to America; he worked hard and saved his money. Brother Bob Wimmer, while on a mission in Germany,, made this dream possible by getting his parents, Brother and Sister Wally Wimmer, to sponsor Manfred.

Manfred is presently employed by Mike Roberts' Color Productions in Berkeley as a commercial artist. He plans to eventually go into the advertising field.

BRIDE FROM OREGON

The bride, daughter of Sister Theodore Fontana, comes from Portland, Oregon. After graduation from high school, Janice attended the Brigham Young University for two years.

A reception was held in the recreation hall in the new Castro Valley Chapel. The young couple have an apartment in Castro Valley and plan to remain here.

Sister Dorothy V. Perry is a new member not only of the Castro Valley Ward, but is a convert of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

BIRTHDAY . . .

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Lefler and wife Rose accompanied those going through for the first time. Lane and Joyce Melville had their son sealed to them. Charles Earnshaw had the privilege of being sealed to his parents.

Babies blessed were: David Wayne Allison son of Nathan and Grace Allison, Lee Ann Lambert daughter of Richard and Dolores Lambert, and Gale Louise Wolbert daughter of Clifford and June Wolbert.

Baptisms and confirmations were: Deborah Cook, Robert Craven, Melanie Jackson, Phyllis Jackson, Richard Manning, Victoria Lee Sneed, James Territo, and Rebecca Zayac.

The officers and teachers of the YWMIA expressed their appreciation to the girls who have worked and earned their individual Awards this year. The girls are: Cherie Culver, Janice Draper, Maurine Farris, Carolyn Lefler, , Cherie Mauridian, Mary Ann Poulis, Linda Samuelson and Marion Samuelson. Ella Sessions, Carol Vencill, Lillian Unger and Mary Ellen Unger.

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Castro Valley 2nd Ward

9 YWMIA Girls, 1 Leader Honored In Castro Valley 2nd Ward Meeting

Nine girls and one leader of the Castro Valley 2nd Ward YWMIA received individual awards Dec.11, in sacrament meeting. Sharyle Aguirre, Kathryn Duarte and Karen Winter were given first year awards and Karen Hancock and Cathy Stephens received third year awards. Two fourth year awards went to Carolyn Reading and Maryjo Reed, and the fifth year honors went to Connie Christensen and Alyce Ostler. La Dean Christensen was given a Leader's award with a fourth year seal.

The ward fireside group held a caroling party on Friday Evening, Dec. 23,, led by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe. They met at the new chapel and went to the homes of shut-ins and widows in the ward to deliver the Christmas message in song. After two hours, the group, somewhat numb from cold, congregated at the home of Dale Johnson, where they were served donuts and hot chocolate and spent the rest of the evening in social dancing.

BOYS ADVANCE

During the month the following advancements in the Aaronic Priesthood took place: Louis F. Boyle III, and Jerry Hall were ordained priests; Steven McKinley and Keith Blazin were ordained teachers.

Sister Imogene Gutherie recently became a member of the Church.

The Scout troop in the ward recently received their charter in an impressive ceremony.. Officiating were two LDS Scout executives, Heber James Brown and Paul Young Dunn. Scoutmasters George Blazin and Leonard Hancock have taken the troop on several overnight camping trips since the troop began last September. They have devised projects whereby the scouts have almost paid for a large squad tent.

During the recent Stake Conference, the ward suplied almost 500 box lunches for the conference attenders. Brother John McDonald and the ladies of the Relief Society did the work and handled the sales.

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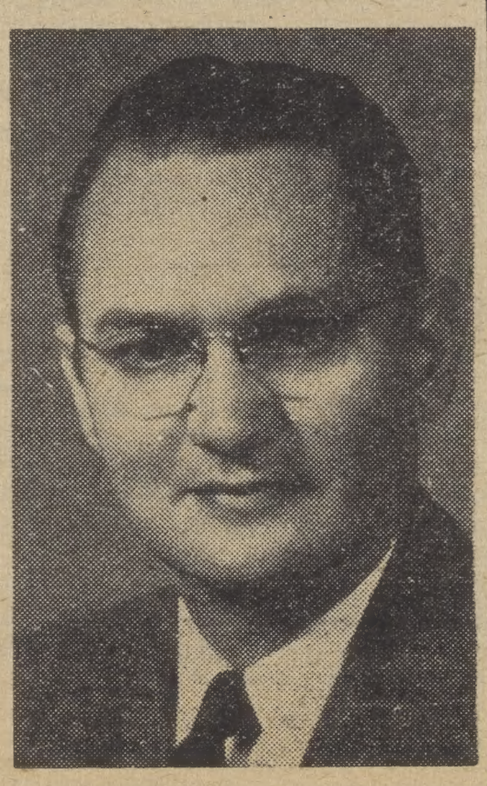

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San Leandro Ward

Relief Society Bazaar Involves Cooperation of All Auxiliaries

By ELIZABETH W. FRYE

The San Leandro Ward bazaar was held on Dec. 9 in the church recreation hall. The Relief Society had a fine assortment of hand-made items such as clothing, towels, pillow cases, aprons, etc. They also sold home-made candies, bakery goods and honey. Sister Avon Peart again displayed her talents in dry arrangements.

The Sunday school furnished chili beans, hot dogs and apple pie a la mode for the hungry. The Mutual quenched the thirsty with snow cones. The cake walk, sponsored by the Primary, was a popular attraction. Many beautiful cakes were given away. The junior Sunday School had a fish pond for little prize seekers.

Ronald Frye and David Woodbansee, of the Aaronic priesthood, were targets for the wet sponge throwing. Numerous door prizes such as a toaster which was won by Susan Lauper, a small electric oven, pillow slips and dry-cleaning certificates were given to those holding the lucky numbers.

STUDENTS HOME

Anadeane Kiser and Christina Pitcher were home from the BYU for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Evelyn Fink, San Leandro Ward Relief Society President, made a recent trip to Dragerton, Utah, to visit her sister Trudy Evans, her husband Bert and their five children. She took her son Bobby with her.

San Leandro Ward and San Leandro Second Ward have purchased an automobile for the full-time missionaries working in the area.

Richard Anderson Is UC Professor

Richard L. Anderson, Berkeley First Ward, a BYU professor on leave for study at the University of California for the Ph.D. degree which he now practically has achieved, has been appointed an assistant professor in the Department of Speech for the following year.

This is the same position which Dr. Hugh Nibley occupied in the year just passed.

San Francisco Ward

Col. Johnson, Family Return To S.F. Ward After 8 Years

By ECHO MAY

The Col. Harold Johnson family has a habit of returning to San Francisco Ward. This time after an absence of nearly 8 years. In 1940 Harold and Lucille were married in San Francisco Ward by Bishop Nalder and in 1942 they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. The family was in the ward in 1950. Lucille was made Relief Society President but was released in about three months to follow her husband to the Orient in 1952. There were three children then, now there are 5. Paula wasborn in Japan.

They have been roaming in the mission fields where Elder Harold has been branch president in numerous places, and Lucille says she has been everything from organizer and teacher to president of this, that and the other thing. Sometimes the family has acted in all places for all organizations, everyone doing his bit from the smallest to the oldest.

Colleen, now gone to BYU, has even acted as counselor for her mother in the Relief Society. Col. Johnson is at present in command of the Air Defense of San Francisco.

MIA HEADS

The MIA is in good hands this year with Donna Rogers heading the young women and Don Garner, the young men. Donna says that their aim is "To bring inactive young people into the ward MIA, to provide activities which will help to develop each individual, and through social activities and classroom participation, to develop and strengthen strong testimonies." Donna was a full-time missionary in the North Central States.

University Ward

Co-eds Make Candy At R.S. Meeting, Look Out, Fellas!

The University Ward Relief Society had a special Christmas meeting Dec. 1, at which candy making sessions were held at the homes of Sisters Emma Harmon and Jane Ricks of Berkeley 2nd Ward.

Lambda Delta Sigma's annual winter formal was held Dec. 2, at the Rockridge Women's Club in Berkeley. Gay Sorenson was general chairman.

Al Stone, manager of the ward basketball team, reports that they have played four games to date. The first two were losses to Claremont and Oakland 3rd Wards, but the winning streak has begun, he says, with victories over Berkeley 1st and Oakland 4th Wards.

Rodeo Ward . . .

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Robert Kersey, Carol Hurn, Sharon Kersey, Gay Radcliffe, Carolyn Rassmussen, Ralph Severson, Helen Baldwin, Marilyn Lane, Sylvia Fugate, Joann Osborn, Jo Bush and Geraldine Tichener.

For the first time the Laurel class in Mutual received honor awards. Marilyn Criddle, Kathleen Lenzi, Carolyn Rassmussen and Gay Radcliffe were the award winners.

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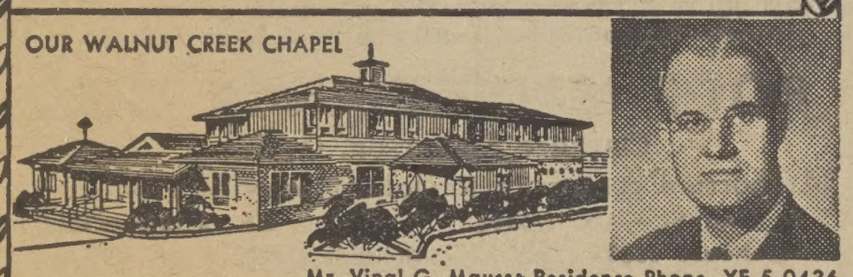

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Centerville Ward

Bishop Urges Raise in Average of Sacrament Meeting Attendance

By Verona Alvord

Centerville Ward sacrament meeting attendance is a low 30%, according to Bishop Richardson. He said, "An even smaller percent of the ward officers and teachers are attending this meeting." The Bishop continued, "I encourage every family to attend this command meeting of the Church each week."

The young married group in the ward has been having some varied activities. This group held a progressive dinner on Dec. 10, where four homes were visited. Appetizers were served at the Sandholtz home, salad at the Alvords, the main course was served by the Al Petersons and the dessert at the Westovers. The meal was followed by Christmas caroling, in which 45 participated.

The young married group also held a fireside at the Sam Roberts on Dec. 18, with President Ostler as the speaker.

The Ward mutual sponsored a potluck dinner Dec. 2, which was free for every family with a subscription to the Era, and $3.00 (subscription price) for non-subscribers.

There were many participants in the MIA Speech Festival. Sharon Lee was chosen to represent Centerville Ward at the Stake Speech Festival.

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